

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA**

DOCKET NO. 2009-411-G

In the Matter of:)	
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Request of Piedmont Natural Gas)	
Company, Inc., <i>Nunc Pro Tunc</i> , for)	PETITION
Authorization to Continue Energy)	
Efficiency Programs)	
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Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont” or the “Company”), through counsel, hereby requests approval from the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”), *nunc pro tunc*, for an extension of its various Energy Efficiency Programs (“EE Programs”). In support of this request, Piedmont respectfully shows unto the Commission the following:

1. It is respectfully requested that any notices or other communications with respect to this Petition be sent to:

Jasmine K. Gardner
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McGuireWoods LLP
201 North Tryon Street, Suite 3000
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202
Telephone: (704) 343-2262

2. Piedmont is a subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation and is engaged in the business of transporting, distributing and selling natural gas in the states of South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee. Piedmont is a public utility under the laws of this State, and its public utility operations in South Carolina are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

3. On May 27, 2010, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. 2009-411-G approving a settlement agreement (“Settlement”) between Piedmont and the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) and authorizing Piedmont to implement its EE Programs.

4. The May 27 Order also required Piedmont to file annual reports in this docket related to the cost, participation, and performance of the EE Programs.

5. Pursuant to the Settlement, the approval of the EE programs was for a limited period of time ending after an experimental period of three (3) years, at which time Piedmont and the ORS would submit any proposed modifications to the programs or program expenditures for review and approval of the Commission.

6. On January 16, 2013, Piedmont made a filing to request a three (3) year extension of the EE programs (“Extension Period”) which was approved by Commission Order dated March 1, 2013.

7. The Company has recently discovered that it inadvertently failed to request a further extension of its EE Programs at the end of the Extension Period and that Commission authorization for the operation of its EE Programs is no longer in effect.

8. Piedmont regrets its failure to proactively address the effective period of its EE Programs and request an extension of those programs before the Extension Period expired but continues to believe that such programs are in the best interest of its customers for the reasons detailed in its annual report filed in this docket on June 15, 2018.

9. Piedmont’s investigation into this matter reveals that its failure to address this matter on a proactive basis was the result of an inadvertent and unintentional failure to calendar a suspense date for the EE Programs at the time of the Commission’s approval of the

Extension Period. Piedmont regrets this error and seeks the Commission's assistance in its correction. The Company has instituted procedures to ensure future compliance.

10. In order to obtain proper authorization for the extension of the EE Programs, Piedmont respectfully seeks Commission approval, *nunc pro tunc*, for the continuation of the EE Programs for a period of three (3) additional years from the expiration of the Extension Period.

11. Piedmont has conferred with the ORS regarding this Petition and is informed that ORS has no objection to the relief requested herein.

WHEREFORE, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission authorize, *nunc pro tunc*, Piedmont's implementation of its EE Programs for an additional three (3) year period from the date of expiration of the Extension Period.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of August, 2018.

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached is being served this date electronically and via FedEx Overnight upon:

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And that a copy of the attached is being served this date electronically or via U.S. Mail upon:

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This the 23rd day of August, 2018.

s/ James H. Jeffries IV
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